

Appln No. 10/644,008
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-10 of the application under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-10 of co-pending Application No. 10/676,044. Therefore, please find attached a first terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1, 8 under the obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5 of US Patent No. 6,315,200. Therefore, please find attached a second terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Conclusion

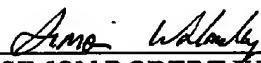
The Examiner's double patenting rejections under 35 USC 101 are addressed above. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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